

SENATOR HALL: And beyond a reasonable doubt is about a 95 percent sure that this event took place. Clear and convincing falls in the middle. Again, like it or not, the people that are out there now practicing said, yeah, we can live with this provision, and I can live with this provision. The criminal defense attorneys can live with this provision. We ought to debate it. I don't mean to say that we should just lock onto something that was agreed to out behind the glass. I mean, just look back to the bill that has tied this body up for the last week, LB 757, I don't think we should lock into something that was agreed behind the glass at all, Senator Hohenstein. The fact of the matter is it happens though from time to time. This amendment guts the bill. I would urge you to oppose it. Let's move the bill on. I think it's a good bill. The County Attorneys Association thinks it is a good bill as well.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Hohenstein to close on your...on the first section of your amendment. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I want to clear up a couple of, I guess, continued concerns I have about the debate today. Senator Hall has referred continually to convictions. There is a different standard for convictions. If, in fact, an individual has been previously convicted of a felony offense unrelated to the person's truth or voracity, in other words, if you are trying to impeach a witness alleging that maybe he lied under oath and you have a previous conviction that relates to truth and voracity, you can do more than what I am going to just say, but if, in fact, you've been convicted of a previous felony offense, you are permitted to ask one question. Have you been convicted of a felony? That's it. You can't ask them what was it, give me the